THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the news-item. With a view to improve the efficiency and administrative machinery in the Department, periodic review is undertaken under FR 56(j) to weed out such government officials who have outlived their utility and have become ineffective as also those whose integrity is doubtful, this is a continuous and ongoing process. In this regard, the guidelines/procedure prescribed by the Department of Personnel and Training are followed.

Centralised computerisation in Income Tax Department

1561. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax Department is centrally computerising the operations all over the country;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed;

(c) what is the total cost of this upgradation; and

(d) what steps are being taken to train the staff for better utilisation of this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

The comprehensive computerisation plan for Income Tax Department is being implemented in a phased manner. In the first phase Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai were covered during 1994-95. The second phase covering 57 other cities is currently in progress. The remaining Income Tax offices in 418 cities / towns are proposed to be covered in the third phase during 2002-2003.

(c) The year-wise expenditure under the head 'Computerisation' is as under:—

Financial Year	Expenditure incurred (in Rs.)
1994-1995	275,814,845
1995-1996	66,526,085
1996-1997	94,468,959
1997-1998	402,050,000
1998-1999	206,628,325
1999-2000	399,850,753
2000-2001	171,781,451
TOTAL	1,617,120,418

(d) The training of officers and staff in the field of Information Technology is a continuous ongoing process. A large number of officer and staff have already been trained in the field of Information Technology and Application softwares developed by the Department for implementation. Another 5000 Group 'B' and 'C' staff members are proposed to be given training by the end of March 2002. Remaining 7000 officials are proposed to be trained during 2002-2003. Besides, the training in Operational Softwares such as Oracle RDBMS, Windows NT Operating System etc. are also being conducted. Also in-service training facilities for training in Computers have been setup at NADT Nagpur, Direct Taxes Regional Training Institutes, Training Labs have also been set up at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai. Self learning Computer Based Training (CBT) material, on CDs has also been developed for use by the officers and staff of the Department.

Black Money

†1562. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the CBI in which it has been stated that the 20 per cent of the GDP is rendering black money; and

(b) if so, the assessment of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The assessment of black money by the CBI is based on the study conducted by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy on black money in India according to which the size of black money in 1983 had been estimated at 20 per cent of GDP.

No definitely reliable estimates are available with the Government on the amount of black money circulating in the Indian Economy at present.

Tarapore Committee on UTI

†1563. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of Tarapore Committee investigating into the irregulations in the functioning of Unit Trust of India;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.